## Best Building Practices: Codes and Beyond May Seminar for Building Code Officials

The hurricanes of the last two years have increased interest in coastal areas about current materials and technology regarding wind resistance, water damage mitigation, and energy efficiency. Most of these issues are addressed in the new International Codes. There is a renewed effort to get the new codes adopted on the state and local levels. The code officials can get caught between the code supporters and those who oppose changes.

The May 11 seminar is designed to facilitate the work of code officials and those who are involved in the adoption of the codes. The Auburn University Building Science Department, Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, the Alabama Extension System, and the U.S. Department of Energy have combined efforts to bring some of the issues into clearer focus to help the code officials deal with the problems they face every day. The seminar on May 11 is designed, not only to give information, but provide a forum for the code officials to give feedback.

## The speakers at the seminar are:

- Cosimina Panetti, Outreach Manager of the Building Codes Assistance Project, will talk about the benefits and impact of the International Energy Conservation Code. Ms. Panetti is a national speaker and brings a fresh approach and refreshing viewpoint of the energy codes.
- Mark Roberts of the International Code Council will make a short presentation on the impact of the International Codes in Alabama.
- Bruce W. Smith, faculty of the Auburn University Building Science Department will facilitate the seminar and lead discussions of the topics with each presenter.

The seminar will be held at the Alabama Branch of the Associated General Contractors, located at 754 Downtowner Loop West, Mobile, AL., from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM., May 11, 2006. There will be a limit of 30 participants in each seminar, and pre-registration is encouraged. Participants will receive a copy of the International code of their choice, along with other information. Lunch will be provided by the Associated General Contractors. To register, call the Alabama Branch of the Associated General Contractors at (251) 344-8220, or for more information contact Bruce Smith at 334/844-5431 or Karen Clifton at 334/242-5321.



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## Learn about the benefits of building to codes

What:	A workshop designed to provide information on building Energy codes, and a forum for discussion on the benefits and problems associated with adopting and enforcing codes
When:	Thursday, May 11, 2006 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Where:	Alabama Branch of the Associated General Contractors 754 Downtowner Loop West, Mobile, AL, Phone 251-344-8220
Lunch:	Provided by the Associated General Contractors
Who should	attend? Mayors, City Clerks, County Commissioners, Code Officials
Workshop o	content: New materials and technologies that can help meet code, and the benefits and impacts of the International Energy Conservation code
Sponsors:	Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn University and the Alabama Chapter of the Associated General Contractors
	How to Register: Mail this form by May 4 <sup>th</sup> to the Alabama Branch of Associated General Contractors, 754 Downtowner Loop West, Mobile, AL 36609 or Fax form to (251) 342-5575
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